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**WEEKLY REPORT**

Contract No./TDD	Project Title / Location	Dates of Report	Report No.
EP-S8-13-01 0001/1502-04 & 1408-01	EPA Region 8 Start IV Contract Red and Bonita Removal/Gold King Mine	7/25/2015	2

START PERSONNEL

Position	Name	E-Mail Address	Phone No.
Project Manager/Field Lead	Elliott Petri	Elliott.Petri@westonsolutions.com	719-216-2754
Additional START	Megan Oller	Megan.Oller@westonsolutions.com	720-635-6826
Additional START	Jan Christner	Jan.Christner@westonsolutions.com	505-269-1925

WEATHER CONDITIONS

20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul
AM: 50 - Clear PM: 66 - Cloudy	AM: 45 - Clear PM: 64 - Cloudy	AM: 42 - Clear PM: 69 - Cloudy	AM: 45 - Clear PM: 69 - Cloudy/Rain	AM: 45 - Rainy PM: 60 - Rainy	AM: 39 - Clear PM: 68 - Clear

PRP CONTRACTORS/LEAD PERSONNEL/START FIELD STAFF

Name	Company	Trade / Work Performed
Elliott Petri	Weston Solutions/START	Water Sampling, Water Treatment, and Technical Assistance
Megan Oller	Weston Solutions/START	Water Sampling, Water Treatment, and Technical Assistance
Steven Way	EPA - OSC	Project OSC - Oversight
Matt Francis	ERRS	Site Construction and Preparations
4 - Workers/Operators	ERRS	Site Construction and Preparations
Will Beach	MES	In Mine Work Supervisor
2 - Workers	MES	In Mine Cleaning and Construction

HEALTH & SAFETY*Description of Health & Safety Actions Taken Today / Safety Inspections Conducted*

- MES mobilized, introduced, discussed underground Health and Safety
- Established eye washes for MES and Water Treatment
- If chem hose is needed, workers will be suited in Saranex, heavy duty nitrile gloves, and a face shield.
- Vehicles moving totes of caustic to the treatment area will be escorted from Gladstone storage area to treatment area to ensure safety.
- During non-work days ERRS loader will be parked across access to treatment area and caustic totes will be tarped.

RED AND BONITA IN-MINE WORK

- MES began in mine solids clean out and as of 7/25 has rough cleaned 177 of required 280 feet.
- MES requested modification to the entrance cap/ceiling to allow ease of entry and exit, work will be conducted 7/27 and 7/28.
- The MES compressor was malfunctioning and the air gun could not be used until 7/24, so cleaning was conducted with a Ramrod.

RED AND BONITA SITE WORK

- Water Treatment ponds:
 - + Created spillway from ponds in case of pump malfunction.
 - + Installed baffle in pond 1 to slow water velocity at entry to system
 - + Installed baffle in pond 2 to slow cascade of water from pond 1.
- Widened entry road to admit for mobilization of MES.
 - + MES had an equipment delivery after they had left the site and ERRS needed to assist with unloading after hours. An MES truck had a flat tire on the pad at the top of the waste dump and wouldn't start; repairs were completed the following day.
 - + ERRS installed temporary, orange webbing fencing along the road at the treatment ponds.

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WATER TREATMENT

- Treatment during first mucking was successful. Baffles were added in ponds 1 and 2 to improve settling.
- Approximately 675 gallons of caustic added; 1575 gallons of caustic remaining.
- Approximately 2 bags of Brennfloc used; 10 bags of Brennfloc remaining.
- Upped floc addition to 1 turn/min to improve settling after larger quantities of solids were released from the mine.
- ERRS has been instructed on water treatment methods and has started assisting START.

WATER SAMPLING

- Effluent sample collected from Red and Bonita water treatment system and sent to commercial lab.
- Mine water pH prior to mine entry varies from 6.2 - 5.8 and turbidity from 6 - 42 NTU.
- Effluent pH varies from 6.1 - 7.3 and turbidity from 36 - 42 NTU.

GOLD KING MINE WORK

- Access road restored.
- Excavation elevations for the water collection/sump basin and drainage were determined and marked.
- Installed a 12" drainage pipe from edge of dump to sump basin location.
- 60 inch pipe was chosen for the sump well delivered on Saturday, the 12" pipe will be installed 4' from the bottom of the well.

GENERAL SITE WORK/MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

- MES Mobilized on 7/20, Jan Christner demobilized on 7/22. Steven Way and Matt Francis demobilized on 7/25.

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**DAILY PRODUCTION & QUALITY CONTROL REPORT**

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DAILY PHOTO LOG				

Photo 1



Red and Bonita Tunnel Prior to Removal of Solids.

Photo 2



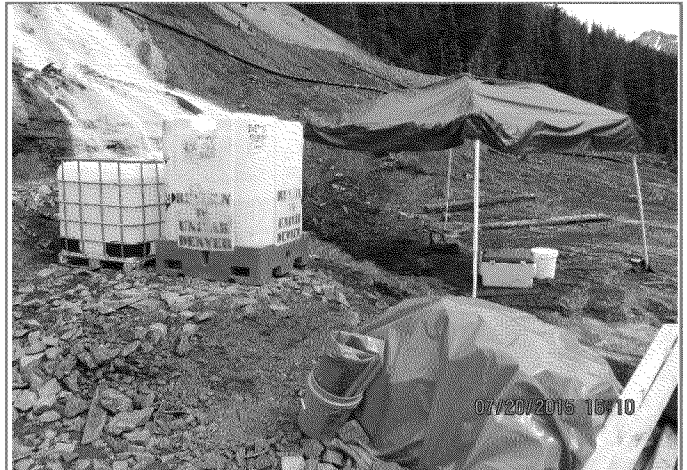
Red and Bonita Tunnel After Rough Removal of Solids, Coloration due to Ongoing Removal of Solids.

Photo 3



Pond System Overview from top of Red and Bonita Tailings Dump.

Photo 4



Water Treatment Area Setup, Caustic on the Left, Brennfloc in the Foreground, and the Floc Station on the Background Right.

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Photo 5



Water Treatment On-going, Caustic Addition on the Left.

Photo 6



Water Treatment Settling Ponds, Right Pond is the 1st Pond in the Series of 4. Note Clarity Difference in Pond 2.

Photo 7



Water Quality of Mine Discharge before Mine Entry, pH = 6.28 and Turbidity 5.8 NTU.

Photo 8



Water Quality of Treatment Effluent, pH = 6.13 and Turbidity 49.6 NTU.